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Forty-ninth Spring session, held with the church at Meadow Creek Stanly County, N. C., on Saturday before 1st Sunday in May, 1933.

Also of the 101st Annual or Fall session, held with the church at High Ridge, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, 1933.

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

PROCEEDINGS---Spring Session

Meadow Creek Church, Stanly County, N. C., May 6, 1933

Assembled at Stand on church yard at 11 o'clock A. M. and introductory sermon delivered by Elder F. E. Huneycutt. Text 32nd verse of 5th chapter of Luke. Intermission one hour for lunch. Then about 1 o'clock P. M. the ministers and messengers present convened in the church house. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder T. A. Stanfield a visitor.

Elder Edwards then resumed the chair and proceeded in our regular order as follows:

1. Called for the representative letters from our several churches. Letters handed in and read by brethren F. E. Huneycutt and V. P. Whitley, acting reading clerks.

2. By motion. re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards, Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister Associations to seats.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats. The following present and seated: From Mayo Association, Elder W B Stadler and brother J Lewis. From Upper Country Line, Elder T A Stanfield. From Mountain District, Elder S G Candill. As to Abbott's Creek, we yet await developments, but we appoint a committee composed of Elders F E Huneycutt and Oscar Broome and brethren J W Jones, D C Page and H F Curlee to visit the Abbott's Creek Association in their coming August session at Lexington, N.C., and observe the order of Elders H S Williams and A F Nance, and all others associated with them, and if possible learn their true status, and report their findings to our fall session at High Ridge in our October session.

5. Appointed brethren H A Wiillams and M F Coble to act with the Clerk in arranging preaching services.

6. Appointed as arrangement committee, brethren H A Williams, W A Harward and J J Hill with Moderator and Clerk.

7. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday evening, preaching by Elders S G Candill and T A Stanfield.

Sunday Services, May 7th

10 o'clock A. M. Song and prayer service conducted by Elder W B Stadler. Then Elder T A Stanfield preached from 11th verse of 8th chapter of Matthew, followed by Elder S G Candill from 1st verse of 13th chapter of Hebrews. Then Elder Oscar Broom preached from 40th verse of 25th chap. of Matthew.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

About 1 o'clock P. M. Preaching services continued by Elder J A Eudy from no special text, followed by Elder W B Stadler. 1st & 2nd verses of 33rd chap. of Isaiah. and closed by Elder W C Edwards from 1st verse of last chap. of Isaiah, The preaching all sound and food to the hungry soul. The congregation was large and very attentive and much interest manifested.

Monday Morning, May 8th

Re-convened in the house at 9 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder S G Candill.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Called over roll of messengers names, noted absentees, but omitted reading of Rules of Dercorum.

10. Called on our corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. Brother N S Jones reported that himself and others attended the Mill Branch Association and had comfortable meeting.

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister Associations to report. None reported. Distributed minutes from the following Associations: Roaring River, Salem, White Oak and Zion.

12. Resolved that we return thanks to God and extend our appreciation to this church and friends of the community for their kind entertainment during this meeting.

13. The Clerk read above minutes and same was approved.

14 Then adjourned in order to time and place mentioned in our last fall minutes.

Benediction by the Moderator. Preaching Monday at the stand by Elders S G Candill and F E Huneycutt.

J. W. JONES, Clerk. Elder W C EDWARDS, Moderator

Messengers---Spring Session, 1933

Bear Creek—D C Page. J P Whitley, H L Almond
Bethany--By letter
Concord—P M Hartsell, W M Coley, D M Whitley
Crooked Creek--J B Hinson, H M Green, T A Williams
Clark's Grove--G F Furr, J A Jones, C F Whitley
Flat Lake..Sister Dunn
High Ridge..Elder W C Edwards, J S Thomas, W A Helms
Howard's Chapel..not represented.
Herrin's Grove..John Almond, Adam Furr, J F Herrin
Jerusalem..W C Thomas, W E Moore, C C Curlee
Liberty..Elder Oscar Broom, J J Hill, E S Burgess
Liberty Hill..J L Wlliams, Elder F E Huneycutt, J TCrisco
Lawyer's Spring J W Jones, W A Howard, J T Jones
Meadow Creek..Eli Hopkins, J J Barbee, H A Williams
Mountain Creek..W P Almond, sister Della Mantooth
Philadelphia..J N Jones,* W F Daves,* Foster Beam*
Running Creek E M Hatley, W M Almond, R F Almond
Smith Grove..M F Coble, R R Whitley, C O Whitley

Absentees marked thus *

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

PROCEEDINGS---FALL SESSION 1933

High Ridge Church, Union County, N.C, Sept. 30, 1933

Assembled at the stand on church lot at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon preached by Elder J A Eudy. Text. I5th verse of 24th chapter of Joshua.

Intermission one hour for lunch. At one o'clock p. m. the ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder F E Huneycutt. Then Elder Edwards resumed the chair and proceeded in our usual order of business. as follows:

1. Called for the representative letters from our several churches. Letters handed in and read by brethren F E Huneycutt and V P Whitley, acting reading clerks.

2. By motion re-elected Elders W C Edwards, Moderator and J W Jones, Clerk.

3. Then moderator called for report of committee appointed at our last Spring session to visit and observe conditions in the Abbotts Creek Association. The report was read and showed that Elders H S Williams, A F Nance and those in common with them, to be in order and recommended that our former correspondence with them be now restored. This report of the committee was approved and adopted as the voice of the Association, and our former correspondence with the Abbotts Creek Association ordered resumed.

4. Invited messengers present from sister corresponding Associations to seats. Present and seated were the following: From Abbotts Creek..Elders H S Williams, A F Nance and J F Fulk and brethren B I Harrison, Jesse Trogdon, W. N. Lanier, Clarence Gallemore, A. H. Trogdon, Lee Snider, George Harris, W E Jarrell, Enos Sikes, H. W Johnson, H L Miller and C O Lanier. also a large number of sisters rpesent from Abbotts Creek.

5. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats. Those present during the meeting were as follows: From Upper Country line..Elder Fredric W Keen. From Salem, Elders D A O'Bryant and George W Hill. From Lower Mayo..Elder W B Stadler. Also received since last May session minutes from Mill Branch, Little River, White Oak, Upper Country Line, Lower Country Line and Fishers River Associations.

6. Appointed brethren V P Whitley, H F Curlee and Elder F E Huneycutt, with the Moderator and Clerk as our arrangement committee.

7. Appointed as our finance committee brethren D C Page and N S Jones.

8. By motion, appointed the clerk, with J P Rushing and the Moderator as our committee to arrange preaching services.

9. Adjourned to 9:30 Moday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday Afternoon Services

conducted by Elder F W Keen from 6 to 9 verses of 22nd chapter of Geneses, followed by Elder J F Fulk from 8th verse of 8th chapter of St. John.

Sunday Services, Oct. 1st.

First, by Elder H S Williams. Text. 1st verse 1st chapter of Ephesians 2nd, by Elder D A O'Bryant. Text, "There is therefore no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus," &c. See 8th chap. of Romans. 3rd, by Elder George W Hill. Text, "God who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," &c.

One hour intermission for lunch.

Preaching then continued by Elder W B Stadler from 15 verse of 28th chapter of Isaiah and closed by Elder F E Huneycutt from 39th verse of 6th chap. of St. John. The ministers all were blest with good liberty of speech and heard by large appreciative audience both services.

Monday Morning, Oct. 2nd

Re-convened in the house at 9:30 a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer service conducted by Elder Oscar Broom. Then the moderator resumed the chair and proceeded.

10. Called for report from committee of arrangements Report read and adopted.

11, Called roll of messenger's names; noted absentees but by agreement omitted reading of Rules of Decorum.

12. Called on our messengers to sister Associations to

report. Elder F E Hunneycutt attended the "Little River" and had good meeting. (Other reports in May session minutes.

I3. Called on messengers present from sister Associations to report, Elder A F Nance from Abbott's Creek reported they are now in peace and invited us to continue to visit their sessions. Also brother B I Harrison of Abbotts Creek made a fine little talk. Elder Keen reported peace in Upper Country Line.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. It was reported that Elders J A Eudy, F E Hunneycutt and some deacons formed a presbytery on Dec. 3, 1932. at Herrins Grove and ordained brother John Almond, a deacon for that church. Also that on Sept. 23rd, 1933, Elders J A Eudy and Oscar Broom, with some deacons, formed a presbytery at Crooked Creek and ordained brother H M Greene, a deacon there.

15, That we continue our correspondence with sister Associations as follows. To Mill Branch, Elder Oscar Broom and brethren J J Hill, J W Jones and W A Harward and minutes. To Little River, Elder F E Hunneycutt and brethren J C Griffin, J L Williams and minutes. To Fishers River, minutes. To Lower Country Line, J L. Williams and minutes. To Upper Country Line, Elder Oscar Broom and brethren J J Hill, J W Jones and minutes. To Abbotts Creek, Elders Oscar Broom, F E Hunneycutt and brethren J W Jones, D C Page, J S Edwards, J C Griffin, C F Morton, J L Williams, W A Harward and minutes. To Salem, minutes. To Lower Mayo, minutes. To Mountain District, minutes. To Roaring River, minutes. To St. Clairs Bottom, minutes. To Zion, minutes. To Staunton River, minutes. To Lot's Creek of Georgia, minutes. To White Oak minutes, and that any of our brethren who might attend any of these Associations are requested to represent us there.

16. That our next Spring session is appointed to be held with the church at Liberty Hill, Stanly county, North Carolina, and to commence on Saturday before 5th Sunday in April, 1934, and embrace Sunday and Monday following,

and that Elder W C Edwards is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder Oscar Broom as his alternate, and that the annual Fall session is appointed to convene with the church at Jerusalem, Anson County, North Carolina, embracing 1st Sunday in October, 1934. with Saturday before and close Monday after, and that Elder J A Eudy is appointed to preach the introductory sermon with Elder F E Huneycutt as his alternate. Saturday services at both times and places to begin at 11 o'clock a.m.

17. Treasurer reports no funds on hand from last year.

18. Finance committee reports sent up by the churches

this year for minutes and Associational expenses	$ 76.65
Voluntary contributions by brethren and friends	20.00
Total fund	$96.65
Less for printing and postage	45.00
In Treasury	$51.65
Allowance to clerk for services	12.00
Surplus	39.65

19. That surplus funds be devoted to ministers present $39.65
Leaving Treasury empty. .....

20. That the Clerk also serve as Treasurer and superintend the printing of 1100 copies of these minutes and distribute same as usual among our churches and corresponding Associations and retain fee as last year for his services.

21. That we return humble sincere thanks to God for His sustaining mercy to us and extend appreciative thanks to High Ridge church and people of the community for their kind hospitality to us during this meeting.

22. The above minutes read before the body and approved. Then adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by Elder F W Keen.

Elder W C EDWARDS, Moderator.

J W JONES, Clerk & Treasurer Wingate, N C
Peachland, N C

Preaching services Monday by Elders J F Fulk, A F Nance and closed by Elder W C Edwards. Thus ended a peaceable and lovely meeting.

Messengers---Fall Session, 1933

Bear Creek—D C Page. J P Whitley, H L Almond
Bethany--By letter and contribution
Concord—P M Hartsell, W M Coley, Eli Furr
Clark's Grove--George Furr, J F Williams, C D Whitley
Crooked Creek--L W Green, H M Green, T A Williams
Flat Lake..C F Dunn * O F Haywood*
High Ridge..Elder W C Edwards, D S Talton, J P Rushing
Howard's Chapel..Arch Carpenter, J J Howard,*P A Howard*
Herrin's Grove..John Almond, Adam Furr, J F Herrin
Jerusalem..J C Griffin, Crawford Thomas, H F Curlee
Liberty..J J Hill, J S Edwards, Crawford Helms*
Liberty Hill..V P Whitley, F E Huneycutt, C F Morton
Lawyer's Spring..J W Jones, F A Preslar, N S Jones
Meadow Creek..B J Barbee*, Eli Hopkins,* J J Barbee*
Mountain Creek..W P Almond, sister Della Mantooth
Philadelphia..Foster Beam* I N Jones* Sist. C C Edwards
Running Creek .E M Hatley, R F Almond, W M Almond
Smith Grove .Shepherd Taylor,Jonas Morton, C O Whitley

Absentees marked thus *

Churches, Clerks and Their Post Offices 1933

		Communion Sunday
Bear Creek—H L Almond, route 3,	Albemarle N C	1st in August
Bethany—Mrs Fannie Saflay, route 3,	Wadesboro '	3rd in Aug.
Concord—P M Hartsell, 169 Duval St,	Concord '	3rd in June
Clark's Grove—G W Barbee,	Stanfield '	2nd in July
Crooked Creek—T A Williams, route 2	Monroe '	4th in July
Flat Lake—O F Haywood,	Mt. Gilead '	4th in July
High Ridge—Will A Helms, route 4,	Marshville '	3rd in July
Howard's Chapel—Arch Carpenter,	Norwood '	1st in Sept
Jerusalem--W E Moore, route 5	Marshville '	2nd in Aug
Liberty—J S Edwards	Wingate '	1st in July
Liberty Hill--V P Whitley	Oakboro '	4th in July
Meadow Creek—H A Williams, route 2.	Stanfield '	3rd in Aug
Mountain Creek—Mrs Della Mantooth	Albemarle '	3rd in July
Philadelphia—Foster Beam	Ellenboro '	4th in Aug
Running Creek—Mary Little	Stanfield '	2nd in Aug
Smith's Grove—Walter Green, route 1	Oakboro '	3rd in Sept
Herrin's Grove—Maggie Harwell	Mt. Pleasant '	4th in Sept.
Lawyer's Spring--5th Sunday nearest 1st in Aug.		

The above also represents regular stated monthly Conference meetings on Saturdays before.

Ministers and Their Address

Elder W C Edwards ..... Wingate N C
Elder J A Eudy ..... Oakboro '
Elder Oscar Broom ..... Monroe '
Elder F E Huneycutt ..... Oakboro '

Rules of Decorum

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privillege of speech as that of another member; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege; and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by appelation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

Articles of Faith---Bear Creek Association

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, & in relative union with the divine word, & thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God,and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8 We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe thet baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Annual Table For 1933 Statistics

CHURCHES	by experience and baptism	by letter or relation	Restoied	dismissed by letter	excluded	deceased	membership	contributions
Bear Creek	2		2			1	31	$3 30
Bethany							2	I 00
Concord	1				1		22	50
Clark's Grove	11				1		35	4 00
Crooked Creek	1		1				16	4 85
Flat Lake							10	1 00
High Ridge	2						25	8 30
Howard's Chapel			1		2		10	2 50
Herrin's Grove						1	9	I 50
Jerusalem							47	21 15
Liberty	2						19	6 00
Liberty Hill	1			1		2	32	3 05
Lawyer's Spring		1				1	24	7 15
Meadow Creek					1		16	2 10
Mountain Creek							6	I 75
Philadelphia						I	11	3 00
Running Creek	1						21	3 00
Smith's Grove		1					32	2 50
Totals	21	2	4	1	5	6	3 68	$76 65